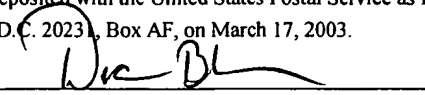


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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/819,401

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

**Box AF**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for a further response to the Advisory Office action dated January 15, 2003, which is the date of expiration of the shortened period for responding to the Office Action made "final" mailed October 10, 2002. Accordingly, this extension will extend the time for response to Saturday, March 15, 2003.

- ☒ A two month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$205.00
- ☒ Charge \$205.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket No. 397272000700.

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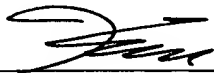
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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 397272000700. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 17, 2003

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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